

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-10 and add new Claims 11-30 as follows:

--11. (New) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

(a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station by analyzing data contained within a query;

(b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station; and

(c) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station if the calling party provides audible caller identification information.

2 12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein (a) comprises determining whether caller identification information for the calling communication station is unavailable by analyzing data contained within a query.

3 13. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein (a) comprises determining whether caller identification information for the calling communication station is incomplete by analyzing data contained within a query.

4 14. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein (a) comprises determining whether caller identification information for the calling communication station has been blocked by analyzing data contained within a query.

5 15. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein (b) comprises transmitting a request for the calling party to speak his or her name.

16. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein (b) comprises:

(b1) transmitting a message indicating that the called communication station does not accept calls from an unidentified calling party and

(b2) transmitting a request for the calling party to speak his or her name.

6 ← 17. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein (c) comprises:

(c1) recording the audible caller identification information and

(c2) transmitting the recorded audible caller identification information to the called communication station.

18. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising transmitting a message to the called communication station, the message comprising accept and reject options.

19. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising transmitting a request for input from the called communication station.

✓ 20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the message comprises audible instructions.

8 ← 21. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising connecting the calling communication station with the called communication station in response to input from the called communication station.

9 ← 22. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising connecting the calling communication station with the called communication station in response to dual tone multi-frequency tones transmitted from the called communication station.

23. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising canceling the call in response to the called communication station being placed on hook.

10 24. (New) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

(a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station by analyzing data contained within a query;

(b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

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✓ (c) receiving audible caller identification information from the calling party;

(d) causing the called communication station to ring; and

✓ (e) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station in response to the called communication station being placed off hook.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein (b) comprises:

(b1) transmitting a message indicating that the called communication station does not accept calls from an unidentified calling party and

(b2) transmitting a request for the calling party to speak his or her name.

73 26. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising transmitting a message to the called communication station, the message comprising accept and reject options.

27. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising transmitting a request for input from the called communication station.